(*c*) whether it is the policy of Government to have Government buildings for Pakuthi Cutcherries;

(*d*) if so, how many buildings were built last year for the purpose; and

(*e*) how many do Government propose to build this year?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*Land Revenue and Income tax Commissioner*): (*a*) 410.

(*b*) 244.

(*c*) Yes; as far as possible.

(*d*) 1.

(*e*) 3.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Sir, it has been declared as a policy of Government to house Pakuthi Cutcherries in Government buildings. But in the answer it is stated that only one building was constructed during the last year and three are proposed to be constructed during this year. May I know from the member, in view of this slow progress, whether it will not take many more years to attain the object of Government.

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: Sir, there is a standard design sanctioned by Government for the Pakuthi Cutcherries, and the cost of each building will come to about Rs. 2,000. So, it will not be possible to take up many buildings in one year. The work is taken up with due regard to the amount budgeted for each year.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know whether at least five new buildings can be constructed in an year?

Mr. M Ramachandra Rao: Yes, Sir, that may be tried.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli, Karthikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*): May I know the average rent for these hired buildings?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: From two to four Rupees, Sir.

Mr. Kochickal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I know then, whether it is not more economical to have rented buildings?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: May be so, Sir; but it is the policy of the Government to have their own buildings as far as possible.

Recruitment and promotion of teachers.

21. * **Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether candidates with M. A. qualifications are given preference to graduates in the matter of recruitment to and promotions in the Education Department;

(*b*) whether candidates with M. A. qualifications are preferred to those with B. A. qualifications in the matter of recruiting them for training in the Training College, Trivandrum;

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[Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar.]

(*c*) have the Government fixed the minimum salary that ought to be given to teachers in private managed schools ;

(*d*) have they made any distinction between teachers with M. A. qualifications and teachers with B. A. qualifications, in fixing the minimum salary ;

(*e*) is there any rule that teachers with higher qualifications should be declared senior to those with lower qualifications when they both work in the same school ;

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the negative, do the Government consider the desirability of making rules in regard to giving seniority to men with higher qualifications ; and

(*g*) are the Government aware that ordinary graduate teachers and teachers with M. A. qualifications are being treated alike in the matter of promotions, pay, etc., in private educational institutions?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No, service is the criterion for selection in departmental schools. In private schools preference is given to schools where there are not sufficient number of trained teachers.

(*c*) Yes, for purposes of calculation for maintenance grant.

(*d*) No

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Yes.

Recruitment of teachers in private schools to public service.

22. * **Mr M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a teacher 35 years old and with 10 years' teaching experience is considered as a trained teacher and exempted from appearing for the training examination ;

(*b*) whether teachers so exempted from undergoing training course and examination are eligible for recruitment to public service in cases where trained teachers are required ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, has the Public Service Commissioner refused to consider such people as eligible ; and

(*d*) can the teachers who have got such exemption appear for the L. T. examination of the Travancore University without undergoing the usual course of training?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: (*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). Do not arise in the light of the answer to (*a*) above.

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